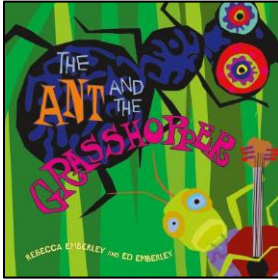


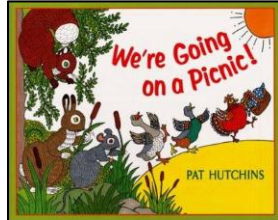
Ants are no picnic!



The ant and the grasshopper

by Rebecca and Ed Emberley
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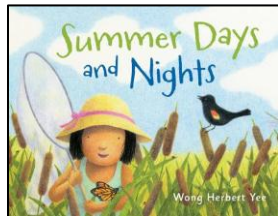
In this version of the classic fable, a weary ant is energized by the swinging sounds of a grasshopper and his "buggy" band. RRPL owns many additional versions of this classic tale.



We're going on a picnic

by Pat Hutchins
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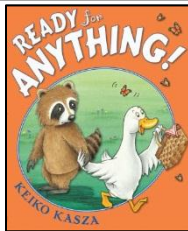
Hen, Goose and Duck prepare a picnic, but as they look for the perfect spot, uninvited guests and Duck are not the only ones who like berries, apples, and pears!



Summer days and nights

by Herbert Wong Yee
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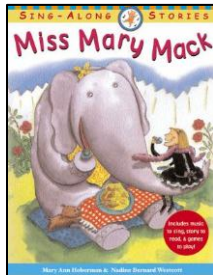
An adventurous girl explores the natural world around her with bugs and other critters, a picnic, and other fun summer activities.



Ready for anything

by Keiko Kasza
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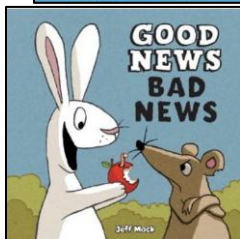
Raccoon is nervous about all of the things that could spoil a picnic, from bees to dragons, until Duck convinces him that surprises can be fun.



Miss Mary Mack

by Mary Ann Hoberman
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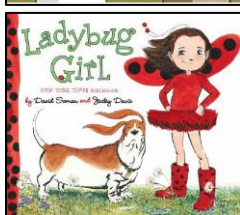
In this expanded version of the popular hand-clapping rhyme, the elephant lands in the middle of a picnic where Mary Mack promises him her silver buttons if he doesn't go back to the zoo.



Good news, bad news

by Jeff Mack
E MAC

While on a picnic, Bunny and Mouse see everything that happens to them from opposite points of view--Bunny sees only the good, while Mouse sees only the bad.



Ladybug Girl

by David Soman and Jacky Davis
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When her family is too busy to play, Ladybug Girl finds her own adventures, such as saving ants in distress.

FIVE HUNGRY ANTS

Five hungry ants marching in a line.
Came upon a picnic where they could dine.
They marched into the salad,
They marched into the cake,
They marched into the pepper...
Uh oh, that was a mistake!
Achooooo!

HANDY SPANDY

Handy spandy, sugar candy! We all jump in.
Handy spandy, sugar candy! We all jump out.
Handy spandy, sugar candy! We all jump up.
Handy spandy, sugar candy! We all jump down. (*sit*)

ANT HILL

Once I saw an ant hill with no ants about. (*show fist*)
So I said, "Little ants, won't you come out?"
Then, as if the ants had heard my call,
One, two, three, four, five came out....
(*as numbers are called, fingers are extended*)
And that was all!

WE'RE GOING ON A PICNIC

We're going on a picnic,
a picnic, a picnic,
We're going on a picnic,
and this is what we'll bring.

Suggest what to bring and sing of each item, making appropriate pretend actions. Example:

We'll bring along some hot dogs,
some hot dogs, some hot dogs,
We'll bring along some hot dogs,
that is what we'll bring!

THE ANTS GO MARCHING

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah!
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah!
The ants go marching one by one,
the little one stops to suck his thumb,
and they all go marching down, in the ground,
to get out of the rain... dum dum dum
DUM dum dum dum...

(*Count up to 10, making a rhyme for each number*)

2: tie his shoe

7: look to heaven

3: climb a tree

8: roller skate

4: shut the door

9: pull a vine

5: do a jive

10: the little one said

6: pick up sticks

"Let's do it again!"

Today's ant maze comes from David Soman's book *Ladybug Girl*. Find lots of adventures featuring Ladybug Girl and her friend Bumblebee Boy at **ESOM**. Find this activity and others at:

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